## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **DOCKET NO. 2009-** -W

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory	)	PETITION OF THE OFFICE OF
Staff for a Declaratory Order	)	REGULATORY STAFF FOR AN
Against Wright's Plumbing &	)	ORDER REQUIRING THE
Utilities, Inc. Requiring the Posting	)	POSTING OF A PERFORMANCE
Of a Performance Bond	)	BOND

The Office of Regulatory Staff, by filing this petition, would respectfully show and request of the Commission:

- 1. That the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") is a state agency constituted pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina with its business offices located Columbia, South Carolina; that the Commission is responsible for the regulation of water utilities operating for compensation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (Supp. 2008); and that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10 (Supp. 2008).
- 2. That Wright's Plumbing & Utilities, Inc. ("WPU") located at 109 Mallard Cove Court, Chapin, SC 29036 was granted the authority by the Commission on December 3, 1999 under Docket No. 99-165-W in Order No. 99-850 to provide water service to 70 residential customers in the Crystal Pines subdivision in Lexington County, South Carolina.
- 3. That in a review of performance bond data on file the ORS discovered that WPU did not have a current performance bond meeting the minimum requirements posted with the Commission. The ORS staff contacted WPU via letter on July 17, 2009, and via certified letter on August 13, 2009.

4. That as of September 17, 2009, WPU has not posted an adequate performance bond for

the operation of the water system serving the Crystal Pines subdivisions. WPU has thus failed to

comply with the requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code

Regs. 103-712.3 (1976 and Supp. 2008).

That the Commission has jurisdiction over WPU pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et

seq. (Supp. 2008). Further, the Commission has the requirement before the granting of authority or

consent to the operation, maintenance, acquisition, expanding or improving of any water utility

regulated by it, that such utility file with the Commission a bond with sufficient surety payable to the

Commission.

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WHEREFORE, the ORS prays that the Commission:

1. Order WPU to file, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008), a bond in an

amount as required under 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-712.3.1 (Supp. 2008);

2. Order the Respondent to comply with Commission rules and regulations and maintain its

books and records for water operations in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for

water utilities as adopted by this Commission and as mandated by 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-719 (Supp.

2008); and

3. For any additional action or relief which the Commission may deem necessary or proper.

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IN RE:	)	
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Declaratory Order Against Wright's Plumbing	)	SERVICE
& Utilities, Inc. Requiring the Posting of a	)	
Performance Bond	)	

This is to certify that I, Chrystal L. Morgan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **PETITION** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Wright's Plumbing & Utilities 109 Mallard Cove Court Chapin, SC 29036

Chrystal L. Morgan

September 18, 2009 Columbia, South Carolina